

FACS statistics quarterly report summary

This accessible text document provides an overview of Family and Community Services (FACS) child protection services quarterly data. It accompanies the [interactive dashboard](#), published on the FACS website.

January –March 2018 quarterly overview

Services to children and young people data are grouped into three main themes:

1. **Responding to child and young person concern reports** – data on mandatory reporters and concern reports made to the NSW Child Protection Helpline.
2. **Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people** – data related to out-of-home care (OoHC) placements, guardianship orders, placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family.
3. **Keeping children and young people safe** – data related to children and young people exiting OoHC, children and young people in statutory OoHC, OoHC placement types, and the age of children and young people entering OoHC.

1. Responding to child and young person concern reports

- **FACS' Helpline** received 24,332 contacts in the quarter. This is equal to a drop of 24.1 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year, the drop is 27.0 per cent.
- These contacts equated to 67,082 **child and young person concern reports** for this quarter.

- **Mandatory reporters** accounted for 77.5 per cent or 51,963 of all concern reports in this quarter.
- The number of **children and young people involved in concern reports** was 40,200 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 6.0 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 43,057 children and young people, there was a decrease of 6.6 per cent.
- The number of **Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports** was 37,735 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 9.1 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 41,438 ROSH reports, there was a decrease of 8.9 per cent.
- For all **ROSH reports**, 23.5 per cent or 8,856 were classified as requiring a response in less than 24 hours, 38.4 per cent or 14,493 were classified as requiring a response in less than 72 hours, and 37.3 per cent or 14,085 were classified as requiring a response in less than 10 days.
- The number of children and young people involved in **ROSH reports** was 28,205 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 7.4 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 29,733 children and young people, there was a decrease of 5.1 per cent.

2. Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

- The total number of **children and young people in OoHC with fewer than three placements** were 11,312 at the quarter end. This is equal to a decrease of 0.3 per cent or 36 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 11,849 children and young people, there was a decrease of 537 children and young people or 4.5 per cent.
- The total number of **children and young people on guardianship orders** was 2,800 at the quarter end. This is equal to an increase of 0.9 per cent or 25 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 2,584 children and young

people, there was an increase of 216 children and young people on guardianship orders or 8.4 per cent.

- For 2,800 children and young people on guardianship orders as at 31 March 2018, 33.2 per cent or 930 were Aboriginal.
- 74.5 per cent of Aboriginal children and young people were placed with an Aboriginal carer as at 31 March 2018.

3. Keeping children and young people safe

- The number of **children and young people entering OoHC** was 518 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 13.7 per cent or 82 children from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 686 children and young people entering care, the decrease was 24.5 per cent or 168 children and young people.
- The number of **children and young people exiting OoHC** was 598 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 12.2 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 704 children exiting OoHC, the decrease was 15.1 per cent.
- The number of **children and young people in statutory OoHC** was 14,142 as at 31 March 2018. Of these 14,142 children, 39.0 per cent were Aboriginal.
- The total number of children and young people in OoHC (which includes statutory plus other) was 17,458 as at 31 March 2018. This is equal to a decrease of 7.7 per cent from the same quarter end last year of 18,909. Of those 17,458 children in OoHC, 52.1 per cent were in relative or Aboriginal kinship care, 43.5 per cent were in foster care, 3.3 per cent were in residential care, and 1.1 per cent had other care arrangements.



Endnotes

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